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SUBJ: U.S. POSITION ON EXPANSION OF IMF AND IBRD EXECUTIVE BOARDS

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1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED U.S. POSITION ON EXPANSION OF IMF AND IBRD EXECUTIVE BOARDS WITH IRISH MINISTER OF FINANCE RICHIE RYAN EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 19 (BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL B), EMPHASIZING STRONG USG OPPOSITION TO AN EXPANSION OF THE BOARDS AND URGING SUPPORT FOR THIS POSITION (FIRST PARTS PARAS 6 AND 9, REFTEL A).

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WM RYAN EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE BRIEFING, SAYING

HE WAS "EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN THIS SUBJECT." HE CONTINUED, "YOU CAN TELL YOUR PEOPLE THEY CAN TAKE IT AS 'A GIVEN' THAT WE SUPPORT YOUR OPPOSITION TO EXPANSION." HIS OWN ASSESSMENT WAS THAT THE PRESENT SIZE OF THE INSTITUTIONS HINDERED THEIR EFFECTIVENESS. HE ALSO SAID THAT "THE ONLY FLAW IN USG'S OFFER TO BE OF ASSISTANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA IS "WHAT EXISTING CONSTITUENCY COULD SOUTH AFRICA JOIN?"

3. RYAN OBSERVED THAT THIS WILL UNDOUBTEDLY BE A CONTINUING CHESS GAME AND HE ASSUMED IT WILL CONTINUE TO ENGAGE ATTENTION OF USG. EMBOFF REPLIED THAT, GIVEN RYAN'S INTEREST IN MATTER AND HIS KNOWLEDGE OF IT, HE WOULD PROBABLY WANT TO CONSULT WITH US OFFICIALS PRIOR TO MEETINGS. RYAN REPLIED HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COMPARE NOTES WITH US REPS AND HOPES HE WILL HAVE CHANCE TO DO SO.

IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY POSSIBILITY OF MISUNDERSTANDING IN THE LIGHT OF REFTEL B, EMBOFF SPOKE TO RYAN'S OFFICE MORNING OF SEPT 20 TO SAY THAT NO SPECIFIC ACTION WAS BEING REQUESTED AT THIS TIME.
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